



THE GLOBAL CLIMATE COALITION

Position Statement on Climate Change

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The Global Climate Coalition believes that the issues of significant climate change is best addressed near-term through private sector and government programs that are comprehensive, flexible and cost-effective.

COMPREHENSIVE

The Coalition supports programs that:

- Foster greater scientific understanding of Earth's climate systems.
- Acknowledge that total concentrations of greenhouse gases, not annual emissions, are key to limiting the risk of significant climate change.
- Cooperatively engage all nations in reducing the risk of global climate change.
- Consider all policy response options available to managing the risk of climate change, including adaptation, mitigation and sequestration.
- Thoroughly assesses the economic and social impacts of specific climate policies and measures.
- Include all greenhouse gases in any policy or measure that aims to mitigate greenhouse gas emissions or concentrations.

FLEXIBLE

The Coalition supports:

- Measures based on the individual economic, technological, social and other circumstances of each country, including timing and implementation.
- Programs designed to achieve multiple benefits, including protection of the environment, advancement of sustainable economic growth, and the enhancement of standards of living and human health.
- Programs that can be adapted to change over the years as more scientific and economic information becomes available.



COST-EFFECTIVE

The Coalition supports programs that protect the environment and make economic sense, including:

- Voluntary industry initiatives and private sector partnerships with government.
- Adaptation and carbon sequestration programs.
- Actions implemented jointly between and among all interested nations and industries.
- Research, development and use of market acceptable, energy efficient technologies.
- Increased relationships with regional and multinational banks to promote partnerships where appropriate.

Reducing current scientific uncertainty about the risk of climate change and engaging in a transparent and balanced decision making process that produces comprehensive, flexible, and cost-effective policy responses that address known climate risks are the cornerstones of the Global Climate Coalition's public policy.

The Global Climate Coalition is an organization of business trade associations and private companies established in 1989 to coordinate business participation in the scientific and policy debate on the global climate change issue.

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